

*Fragile House*

~~Tea Shop~~

Front Street

Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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*Frazee House*

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Owner: Beulah Mc Voy

Date of Erection: Last quarter of the eighteenth century

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame construction, shingles and clapboards

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, dormer of later addition

Historical Data:

The oldest record found concerning this property dates from the year 1828 when James Frazee and wife sold to Phoebe Darby for a consideration of three hundred and fifty dollars. Unfortunately, this was not recorded until 1865 when Phoebe Darby sold the property for five hundred dollars to Anthony Dobbing. However, descendants of William Osborne still living

in Scotch Plains claim that he was the builder, and as near as they can tell, it was built about 1790.

The property remained in the hands of Anthony Dobbing until 1920 when Christopher Monk became the owner. In 1925 the title was transferred to Mike Russo, who at the same time deeded it to Beulah Mc Voy, the present owner.

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